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OF THE

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

UNITY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Chestnut Creek Church, Chilton County, Ala.,

October 4th, 5th and 6th, 1892.

OFFICERS.

A. J. BROOKS, MODERATOR ..... Verbena, Ala.
W. J. RUDDICK, CLERK ..... Stanton, Ala.
K. WELLS, TREASURER ..... Verbena, Ala.

The next session will be held with Evergreen Church, Autauga County, Alabama, Tuesday, October 3rd, 1893.

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CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT SESSION.

State Missions—J W. McCord.....Verbena, Ala.
Home Missions—W. L Sampey.....Clanton, "
Foreign Missions—J. W. Dunaway.....Plantersville, "
Education—E W. Bailey.....Plantersville, "
Ministerial Education—P C. Dennis.....Coopers, "
Temperance—T U Crumpton.....Maplesville, "
Bible Schools—J. M. Smoke.....Huckabee, "
Family Training—H. W Caffey.....Verbena, "
Religious Literature—Hardy Jones.....Coopers, "
Bible and Colportage—J H. Marbury.....Boz man, "

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional Exercises 10 to 11 a. m.
2. 11 a. m , Introductory sermon.
3. Call to order.
4. Letters read.
5. Organization.
6. Rules of Decorum.
7. Ministers not messengers invited to seats.
8. Admission of new churches,
9. Correspondence received and returned.
10. Appoint committees to report this session—
    - On Preaching.
    - Letters and Documents.
    - Periodicals
    - Aged and Infirm Ministers and Families of Deceased Ministers.
    - Deceased Ministers.
    - Finance.
    - To select Preacher of next Introductory Sermon.
    - Select Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention.
11. Committees to report next session—
    - On Missions—State, Home and Foreign.
    - Education.
    - Ministerial Education.
    - Temperance,
    - Sabbath-schools.
    - Religious Literature.
    - Bible and Colportage.
    - Family Training.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. The business of the session will be taken up, so as to insure proper time for debate and economy of time.

MINUTES.

1. The Unity Baptist Association met with the Chestnut Creek church, Chilton county, Alabama, in its thirty eighth annual session, October 4, 1892.

2. Devotional exercises were conducted by J. M. McCord.

3. At 11 a m. Rev. Hardy Jones preached the Introductory Sermon from Neh. 6:3: "We are doing a great work, and cannot come down."

4. Recess for dinner until 1 p. m.

5. 1 p. m: The association having assembled in the church, was called to order by A. J. Brooks, Moderator, who read the 84th Psalm, and prayer was offered by J. W. Dunaway.

6. J. W. Dunaway and T. U. Crumpton read the letters from the churches, and the delegates were enrolled, as follows:

Alpine—J. T. Johnson.
Bethel—J. M. Scarboro, G. W. Weaver.
Bethesda—J. H. Bates—J. S. Pool, W. L. Jones, Charlie Cale.
Bethsalem—A. T. Hathcock.
Big Spring—A. J. Wright, J M. Gaines, W. J. Wright, W. A. Cherry, M. Carter, W. N. Gaines.
Bozeman—J. H. Marbury.
Cane Creek—W. M. Gore, E. M. Giles.
Chestnut Creek—P C. Dennis, H. A. J. Harris, J. W. Dennis, W. C. Boyd, Curtis Moore, J. W. G. Kicker.
Clanton—W. L. Sampey, O. R. Bell.
Corinth—W. D. Goss, R D. May, P. H. Connell, J. L. Howard.
Ebenezer—I. G. White, T. U. Crumpton, J. W. Gandy, Stanley Smith.
Evergreen—W. E Wallace, J. R. Wright, R. G. Bishop, J. H. Apperson.
Fellowship—W H. Friday, J. W. Dunaway, W. T. Dunagan.
Friendship—S. H Glenn, J. L. Long.
Harmony—W. C. Adair, J. H. Griffis, Holman Golson.
Maple Springs—D. F. Jacks, W. L Price.
Mt. Carmel—W. J. Ruddick, G M. Roebuck, R N. Roebuck.
Mulberry—W. J. Fleming, H. A. Williams, M. M. Sims.
Plantersville—P. M. Moore, W. H. Burns.
Pleasant Grove—C. W. Latham.
Pilgrim's Rest—J. F. Anderson, C. H. Abbott.
Providence—Elijah Roberson, M. G. Parrish, B. F. Higgins, J. W. Connell.
Randolph—C. Spinks.
Salem—N. J. Calloway, D. S. Roberson.
Sardis—J. T. Hayes.
Shiloh—A. C. Pool, Thos. Weldon, J. C. Williams, W. M. Gray, J. W. Scott.
Valley Creek—T. G. Milling, David Friday.
Verbena—K. Wells, J. T. Bland, A. J. Brooks, J. M. McCord, H. W. Caffey, A L. Haralson, Thos. Pyron, J. A. Strock.

7. On motion of H.W. Caffey, the former officers were re-elected by acclamation: A. J. Brooks, Moderator; W. J. Ruddick, Clerk; K. Wells, Treasurer.

8. Rules of Decorum were read by the Clerk.

9. Ministers were invited to seats.

10. Correspondents were enrolled, as follows.

W. C. Cleveland, D. D., from the Shelby Association, and President of the Board of Ministerial Education.

C. W. Hare from the Montgomery Association and The Alabama Baptist.
J. G. Harris, from the Montgomery Association.

11. W. C. Cleveland was requested to address the association on Ministerial Education to-morrow morning at 10 a. m.

12. On motion, the sub-Ministerial Board of Education shall consist of four members, one from each district, who shall, in addition to their present duties, look after the collection of funds pledged for this object.

13. The Moderator appointed the following committees to report this session:

On Preaching during the Session—Pastor and Deacons of Chestnut Creek.
Letters and Documents—J. W. Dunaway, G. W. Weaver, A. C. Adair.
Deceased Ministers—H. W. Caffey, J. H. Griffis, W. W. Caffey.
Finance—W. L. Sampey, A. C. Pool, W. J. Fleming.
Preaching next Session—T. U. Crumpton, R. M. Roebuck, J. T. Bland,
To select Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—J M Smoke, J. S. Pool, J. F. Johnson.
Aged and Infirm Ministers—A. L. Haralson, T. G. Milling, W. L. Price.
Special Committee—J. M. McCord, I. G. White, J. W. G. Kicker.
Sub-Board Ministerial Education—W. J. Ruddick, P. C. Dennis, H. W. Caffey, J. S. Pool.

14. A. J. Brooks read the report of the Executive Committee and it was adopted.

15. W. J. Ruddick read the report of the Sub-Board Ministerial Education and it was adopted.

16. The reports on Missions were made the special order for 11 a. m. to-morrow, in line with the Missionary Sermon.

17. The Executive Committee was appointed by the Moderator: A. J. Brooks, K. Wells, H. W. Caffey, J. H. Marbury, J. M. McCord.

18. A motion to appoint a committee on apportionment was adopted.

19. On motion, adjourned until 9:30 a. m. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

October 5th, 1892.

20. The association was called to order at 9:30. Prayer by W. C. Adair.

21. The Moderator appointed K. Wells, I. G. White and J. F. Johnson, as the committee on Apportionment.

22. J. W. Dunaway read the report on Letters and Documents. An amendment was offered that the association meet with Evergreen church, which was carried. The report, as amended, was then carried.

23. 10 a. m. Special order being the report on Ministerial Education, it was read by J. M. McCord, and then the association was addressed by Dr. W. C Cleveland, President of the

Board, and J. M. McCord, who spoke especially on that part of the report pertaining to the Theological Seminary.

24. The following pledges were made for Ministerial Education:

Alpine	$ 2 50	Plantersville	$ 5 00
Bethesda	5 00	Pleasant Grove	2 50
Big Spring	5 00	Pilgrim's Rest	2 50
Bozeman	30 00	Providence	5 00
Cane Creek	2 00	Randolph	2 50
Chestnut Creek	10 00	Salem	5 00
Clanton	5 00	Sardis	2 00
Corinth	2 00	Shiloh	5 00
Ebenezer	25 00	Valley Creek	5 00
Evergreen	5 00	Verbena	25 00
Fellowship	7 00	J. W. Dunaway	5 00
Friendship	2 50	W. J. Ruddick	1 50
Harmony	5 00	H. W. Friday	50
Maple Springs	2 00	Salem Church (cash)	5 00
Mt. Carmel	5 00	Collection	6 10
Mulberry	5 00	Mt. Zion (cash)	5 00
Total			$200 60

25. Hardy Jones read the report on State Missions; J. M. Smoke, on Home Missions; H. W. Caffey, on Foreign Missions. The discussion on these reports was postponed until the afternoon.

26. The committee on Deceased Ministers read their report. Amended that a memorial page be set apart in memory of Bro. A. Andrews, and the report was adopted as amended.

27. Committee on Preaching next session, reported that J. W. Dunaway preach the Introductory Sermon, and J. M. McCord the Missionary Sermon. The report was adopted.

28. I. G. White read the report on Bible and Colportage work. Discussed by W. C. Cleveland, J. W. Dunaway and J. M. McCord, and adopted.

29. Adjourned until 1:30. Prayer by Hardy Jones.

Afternoon Session.

30. The Association met at 1:30. Prayer by J. G. Harris.

31. Committee on preaching reported that J. M. Smoke preach to-night, and that memorial services be held to-morrow morning at 9:30, in memory of Elder A. Andrews and Deacon O. W. Sherrer.

32. The reports on missions were then discussed by J. S. Pool, H. Jones, W. J. Ruddick, W. C. Cleveland (who made an earnest appeal for Associational Missions), and J. G. Harris. The discussions seemed to be limited by the different speakers to the work of the State Mission Board. The reports were then adopted.

33. The following pledges were made for State Missions:

Verbena	$50 00	Harmony	$ 5 00
Alpine	2 50	Mt. Carmel	7 50
Autaugaville	1 00	Mulberry	10 00
Bethesda	5 00	Pantersville	3 00
Bethsalem	2 50	Providence	5 00
Big Spring	2 00	Salem	2 50
Chestnut Creek	25 00	Shiloh	5 00
Clanton	2 50	Valley Creek	2 50
Corinth	2 00	Bozeman	50 00
Ebenezer	15 00	Maple Spring	2 00
Evergreen	5 00	Randolph	5 00
Fellowship	10 00		
Friendship	5 00		
Total			$225 00

34. Pending the adoption of the reports on missions a motion to refer the matter of Associational Missions to the Executive Committee, was carried.

35. The Moderator appointed the following committees to report next session:

State Missions—J. M. McCord, A. L. Haralson, A. J. L. Dennis.
Home Missions—W. L. Sampey, P. M. Moore W. L. Price.
Foreign Missions—J. W. Dunaway. R. J. Mitchell, J. F. Johnson.
Education—E. W. Bailey, J. O. Butler, W. H. Burns.
Ministerial Education—P. C. Dennis, A. C. Pool, J. A. Strock.
Temperance—T. U. Crumpton, I. G. White W. J. Fleming.
Bible Schools—J. M. Smoke, J. S. Pool. W. C. Adair.
Family Training—H. W. Caffey, C. W. Latham, W. D. Goss.
Religious Literature—Hardy Jones, A. L. Haralson, J. L. Long.
Bible and Colportage—J. H. Marbury, W. H. Strock, D. F. Jacks.

36. The Special Committee reported on District Meeting, and the report was adopted.

37. The report on Aged and Infirm Ministers and families of deceased ministers was read by A. L. Haralson, and the report was adopted.

38. A collection was taken for missions.

39. Committee to select delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, reported that J. M. McCord be the delegate, W. J. Ruddick, alternate; report concurred in.

40. The treasurer was authorized to retain $6.00 to reimburse him for amount sent to Bro. Jackson.

41. Committee on Finance read their report, and it was adopted.

22. Adjourned until 9:30 a. m. to-morrow. Prayer by Dr. W. C. Cleveland.

THIRD DAY.

October 6th, 1892.

43. Met promptly at 9:30. Prayer by J. L. Long.

44. Memorial Services were held in memory of Elder A. Andrews and Deacon O. W. Sherrer. The Association was addressed by H. Jones, J. McCord, A. L. Haralson, J. L. Long, W. J. Ruddick, K. Wells, H. W. Caffey, W. C. Adair, A. J. Brooks.

45. The committeee on Apportionment made their report, and it was adopted.

46. Twenty dollars of the Minute and Associational fund was appropriated to pay the clerk, the balance to pay for printing minutes.

47. A. J. L. Dennis read the report on Temperance. Discussed by J. M. McCord, W. J. Ruddick, J. W. Dunaway, and J. L. Long, and adopted.

48. The report on Education was read by H. W. Caffey and adopted, after being discussed by J. M. McCord and J. W. Dunaway.

49. The report on Bible Schools, prepared by T. L. Jones, was read by J. M. McCord. The report was discussed by A. J. Brooks, A. L. Haralson, J. S. Pool and W. J. Ruddick, and adopted.

50. A report on Family Training was not to hand, as the chairman of the committee failed to have a report ready. On motion the report of last year was re-adopted, after discussion by J. M. McCord and J. L. Long.

51. The report on Religious Literature was read by W. J. Ruddick, and adopted without discussion.

52. The following brethren were named as delegates to the State Convention :

J. M. McCord, H. W. Caffey, K. Wells, W. J. Ruddick, Hardy Jones, J. W. Dunaway, J. T. Bland, B. F. Higgins, C. B. Gaines, D. Lodge, W. L. Price.

53. The mission collection was applied to State Missions.

54. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt thanks to the brethren and sisters of Chestnut Creek church, and the good people of the community, for their generous hospitality while among them.

55. The Executive Committee were empowered to take action about an associational evangelist. The Moderator requested the brethren to see what can be done for this purpose, and report promptly to H. W. Caffey, Verbena, Ala.

56. On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with Evergreen church, Autauga county, Ala., on Tuesday, October 3, 1893, and was led in prayer by J. W. Dunaway.

A. J. BROOKS, MODERATOR.

W. J. RUDDICK, Clerk.

REPORTS.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN: Our Master's errand in the world was mission work, and if we are truly disciples of his, we must prove devotion to him by working together with him. He came into the world to save sinners. As the

plan of salvation was in the eternal mind of the adorable Trinity, Christ made it known through the simplicity of preaching the gospel, which he defines to be tidings of great joy which shall be to all people.—Luke 2:10. Which is in harmony with the predestination and God's eternal purpose to make known the riches of his glory through his church.—Eph. 3. And he emphasized the thought by saying that the gospel should be preached in all the world, beginning at Jerusalem — Luke 24:27.

The first work assigned to the disciples was their own country, Judea, making the churches at Jerusalem the base of their operations; then the home mission, Samaria, and then the regions beyond, being unlimited, takes the whole earth into the mission field. And God has honored his cause all along down through the centuries of the gospel era, and more especially in this century of ours, for the heathen is becoming our inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth our habitation under modern operations; but as a light shines brighter nearest its center, and State Missions having become the base of missionary operations for Alabama Baptists, let us trim our lamps, dear brethren, so that they will shine with more effulgence. Owing to the money stringency, and the neglect of the churches to take collections, the State Board is in debt. It has had for a part of the year about fifty persons employed in State Mission work, some in towns and some in the country. We would urge the importance of the board being sustained by prayer and system in view of the work which is being done by it and the responsibilities upon it. The board has been organized seventeen years, and has received and disbursed $8 000 annually in Alabama; and besides, it is the agent for the Home Mission Board and Foreign Mission Board. There passed through the Secretary's hands last year $20,000. In view of the great need of information about missions, and the want of mission work, and in view of the desire of so many Christians to know more about it, we suggest that the churches make monthly collections, and that our sympathies and prayers go with our offerings to the end that Alabama Baptists may wield a savory influence, both in the State and elsewhere, until the glory of the Lord shall fill the whole earth.

Respectfully submitted,

HARDY JONES, Chairman.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission field comprises the entire territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, from Missouri to Florida, and from Maryland to Texas, and the island of Cuba. The work belongs strictly to the Convention, committed to a board located at Atlanta, Ga. This board has 365 missionaries employed, who labor in the cities, towns and destitute places—among the Germans, the Indians, negroes South, and Cuba. They report 5 274 baptisms, 179 churches organized, besides a great many received by letter and restored, and many Sunday-schools organized. The work of the board for ten years, and especially the past three years, is simply marvelous. God has recognized, and is still recognizing, the work, and honoring his children with his presence, giving power to his word and success to their labors. Your committee would call special attention to the Indians. What is to be done for the Indians must be done speedily, for it will soon remain for history alone to inform the world that the Red Man ever existed.

Cuban missions, under the wise management of Diaz, has accomplished a great work, though it has been confined to the city of Havana and surrounding towns. The entire island is now opened to the gospel. Let us not conclude that the work has been finished, for it is almost in its infancy. The field is constantly widening. As the tide of emigration has turned South, this people must have the gospel; the safety of our government, churches and society demand it, as well as the salvation of souls.

We should lift up our hearts to God with thanksgiving and everlasting praises to his name for the blessings which have attended the efforts of his children, and arm ourselves with faith and go forward, entering every door as rapidly as our Master opens to us. Brethren, the call has been for men

and money. God has given us men; we need money. Let us accept the motto of Diaz, "The field for Christ," yea the whole world.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Smoke, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In this year of grace, 1892, the great heart of Christendom is being stirred in the cause of Missions, as perhaps never before since apostolic times. A floodtide of light is being poured upon the subject, and the grace of giving is being developed in the hearts of the followers of Christ, and the Holy Spirit is moving their consciences to "go forward" and possess the lands, whose doors are being thrown open, in order that "the heathen may be given to the Son for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession." In times past there have been some Christians who honestly doubted the obligation resting on Christ's followers to engage in the work of Foreign Missions, but I take it for granted that this ignorance of the plainest teachings of God's Word does not exist now in the mind of any intelligent Bible student, who is willing to take Christ for his exemplar, and his imperative command as the rule of his life and action, so I will not waste your time discussing its overwhelming demands upon every true disciple of Jesus

During the past few years the Foreign Mission work of Southern Baptists has grown amazingly, and our contributions have increased from $20,000 to $115,000. We now have over 100 missionaries in foreign lands, embracing China, Africa, Italy, Mexico, Brazil and Japan, and their efforts are being crowned in some of these fields with signal success.

Baptists are under an especial obligation to labor in this cause with a zeal that knows no abatement. God in his providence has placed them in the van in this grand work, and signally honored them above all others, both as to the heroic grandeur of character of the leaders who have marshalled their hosts, and the immeasurable results that have crowned their labors. Time and space do not admit of my going into an establishment of the reality of these assertions, but as a slight verification of its truthfulness, I will cite the following figures taken from the reports of the several denominations for the year 1883–84, the latest data now at hand:

NUMBER OF COMMUNICANTS.

Congregationalists	21,176
Christians (Campbellites)	1,511
Episcopalians	2,760
Methodist	34,390
Presbyterians	18,907
Baptists	113,263

It would appear from this exhibit that while Baptists gave not quite one-fourth of the amount contributed by the other five denominations together, the number of their converts exceeded those of all these denominations put together by 34,519, more than any one of them had.

But we are more especially interested in this work as carried on by Southern Baptists, and the following table is cited for our encouragement, as showing the surprising progress made in the last decade:

	1882.	1892.
Fields	5	6
Missionaries (foreign)	25	99
Missionaries (native)	36	73
Churches	—	73
Stations and out stations	34	183
Members	740	2689
Baptisms	126	433
Contributed at home	$49,041 02	$113,522 37
Contributed on fields	647 83	3,879 79

These facts call in trumpet tones to our Baptist brotherhood to press the work along the whole line, and reach forth their hands and gather the fruit of the seed sown by Carey, Judson, Marshman, Yates, and other pioneers in this great cause.

A campaign of education is now going on throughout our country on the subject of missions, and every lover of Christ should put his or her hand to the plough and contribute by every means in their power to advance this work committed by Jesus himself to his church never to be relaxed nor relinquished until "every creature" has been offered salvation through him who is "the Way, the Truth and the Life." It is proposed as a thank offering to God for his signal blessings in the past, to raise $125,000 and send 100 missionaries to foreign lands as a centennial commemoration of our gratitude. It is a herculean enterprise, worthy of the Baptist denomination, but entirely practicable, if those who profess to love Christ in our Southern Zion are faithful to their obligations, will only contribute even moderately of the bountiful means committed to their stewardship by a beneficent heavenly Father.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Caffey, Chairman.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The demand for an educated ministry was never greater than now. A trained mind stored with knowledge and sanctified by God's grace, can be a great power in the Master's vineyard. The Lord is laying his hand on many young men in our churches, calling them into the ministry.

During last session there were 41 young ministers from Alabama attending school; of this number 28 were in Howard College, 11 in the seminary, and 2 in high schools. Churches and individuals contributed $2,430 37 for their support.

At the last session of the Unity Association we promised to pay $257.57 for this work. We paid $118.72 of that, which was less than half. This year the Board asks for $150. Will we pay it? We recommend that our churches take collections at once, and raise at least half the above amount, and forward it to G. W. Ellis, Montgomery, Ala., and collect the balance by the 1st of February, 1893.

We also recommend that the Sub-Board of Ministerial Education be composed of four brethren, one from each district, and that each member of the Board be instructed to look after the collection of these funds in his own district.

Your committee cannot close this report without calling attention to the Theological Institute, which meets annually at East Lake, and continues four weeks. The expense for the session is $20, or $5 per week. There is nothing better for pastors than this institute, and churches would do a good work by helping their pastors to secure its benefits.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. McCord, Ch'n.

REPORT OF SUB-MINISTERIAL BOARD.

Your Board beg to report, that no new applications have been made to us during the past associational year.

Brother J. H. Longcrier continued his studies during the year at Six Mile Academy, and has entered again for another year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Ruddick, Ch'n.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education in its slightest sense embraces a wider scope than is generally allowed, for it takes in the physical, moral and spiritual well-being of its recipient. Beginning in earliest life it should develop and cultivate all these faculties, until the entire man is rounded into a symmetrical whole It means character building, in that tense that fits and qualifies one for the

highest degree of usefulness. The intellect is God-given, and together with the moral attributes marks man as the highest type of creation, and places him under a solemn obligation to employ these gifts for the glory of the Giver. To this end they should be sedulously educated and trained so that the highest degree of efficiency shall be attained, and the broadest usefulness secured How shall this be best brought about? While children are under home influence and home life, the foundation should be laid, and deeply in the generous soil should be implanted those principles of virtue and religion, without which disastrous failure is inevitable. The moral faculties should be carefully fostered, and with "line upon line, and precept upon precept," he work should go on, impressing the truths of God's words until they are enstamped on the heart in such lines that no after years can efface them. Along with this process, and in harmony with it, educate and develop the intellectual powers, so that the mind may attain its largest growth. The facilities offered in the schools of the present day afford ample means to meet this phase of our subject, and prominent among them stands our own Howard College, at East Lake, and the Judson Institute, at Marion, Ala. Every Baptist of this State, who has a son or daughter to educate, should send them to one of these institutions, not only because of their superior educational advantages, but because of the Christian influence thrown around their pupils Respectfully submitted,

A. C. Pool, Ch'n.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your Executive Committee report as follows for the associational year of 1891-92:

Immediately after the last session of your body the committee was called together to arranze matters referred to them by you. It was deemed wise by us to put in the field at once a good man to supply some destitution and do general colportage work, as well. To this end, after mature deliberation and several conferences, the services of Bro F. M. Roltins was secured, with the endorsement and co operation of the State Mission Board, and he was put immediately to work. He was to raise on the field all possible, and the State Board to supply the deficit to make his salary to the amount of at least two hundred and fifty dollars. Bro. Rollins began his labors as early as possible, and was actively in the field something over one month, when he lost his horse, and notified the committee of his inability to supply himself with another, and asked to be relieved. Your committee, after fully discussing the matter, thought best to relieve him, and did so, and, owing to the pressure in money matters, and the general financial distress, concluded to advise the State Board that further effort would not be made to keep a man in the field the balance of the year.

Your committee recommended that the State Board pay Sister Ann Goss twenty-five dollars towards her support, which was done.

We desire to express our regrets that we could not see our way clear to arrange for preaching at Autaugaville church, but the remoteness of pastors to the work, and the lack of funds available, we thought would not permit our undertaking the work.

Bro Rollins was paid for services rendered, so far as we can officially state, as follows:

Bozeman church	$14 10
Verbena church	7 91
Friendship church	8 35
New Prospect church	2 00
Total	$32 36

These amounts are credited by the State Board as contributions to missions by the pastors named above.

Respectfully submitted,

Oct. 4, 1892. A. J. Brooks, Ch'n.

REPORT ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

To the Unity Association:

DEAR BRETHREN—Your committee on "Bible Study" or *Sunday-School Work*, beg to offer the following suggestions:

The foundation of all Christian work should be the Christian's Bible. From it we learn our relations to God the Father, and of the great love he has manifested to us, in that we have in His Son Jesus, salvation from sin, and the promised rewards of the life to come. It also teaches our obligations and duties in this present life, to God and our fellow man, and reveals to us our possible heirship to the glories of the great hereafter.

The Bible, then, is the Christian's chart and compass on his pilgrimage here below, through the shoals, breakers and quicksands of ignorance and sin; then how necessary that we should know all that can be learned, of this precious possession. The Bible, Book of Books!—how ready we should be at all times, to avail ourselves of every facility within our reach for helping us to understand more of its teachings, and to become more intimate with its commands, and to know more of its demands upon us. If this word of God is a "lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path," how important it is for us to be able to use this illuminating and enlightening influence.

If there is a necessity for us to know anything of the Bible, this need makes it evident that we should know all that it is possible for us to learn from its sacred pages, and if we are to know its truths we must learn them by study and research. This much brings us to the point of considering the value and advantage of our Sunday school system for Bible study.

The Master has taught us to value the tree by the quality of the fruit it bears. The degree of divine favor that has been put upon Sunday-school work—the fruit it has borne, toward the fulfilment of that precious promise, "When the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea," point with unerring certainty to its divine origin, and we lift our hearts in thankfulness to our God who has thus given His light and His truth to lead us.

The advantages for studying God's word, as is systematically arranged for in our International Sunday school Series—the amount of brain, study and energy expended on the preparation of literature to throw light on that word, and its accessibility to every child in the land, makes it possible for every one of even ordinary ability, to possess a saving knowledge of the divine truth, and teachers of very limited advantages may, by the use of such helps as are to be had, fit themselves for imparting wholesome instruction. How necessary, then, it is that every church should have for every Sunday in the year, a live, active working Sunday-school, building its membership and community up into Bible scholars! and yet it is a lamentable fact, and one that calls for our attention and earnest effort, that there are churches amongst us, bearing the name of "Baptist," who not only have no Sunday-schools, but actually, by word and act, discourage this systematic and practical way of instructing our children in the divine truth.

A further deplorable truth is, that churches who are remiss in this virtue, have no substitute for acquiring the knowledge thus thoughtlessly slighted and the youth of such communities are growing up into men and women crippled and dwarfed in spiritual life, and the evil done them by this lack can never be remedied in after life.

The International System of Bible Study which carries the scholar through the Bible every seven years, and the light that he can get on the texts studied, are of such a superior nature that we cannot afford to have our children deprived of so great an advantage, besides, how great a weight of responsibility rests upon the parent, and how dare any one slight such a favorable opportunity! Brethren, our ministry should be more earnest in advocating this work before the churches, and let us covenant together never to stop until every church in our association shall become a Bible school, meeting every Lord's Day to inquire of His word.

Respectfully submitted,

T. L. JONES, Ch'n.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance submit the following report:

We thank God to know that the influence of the ministers and members of our churches has spread over a large area of country, and much good has been done in suppressing the great evil of intemperance. By the help of our Creator, may we still be encouraged to labor in behalf of poor fallen specimens of God's likeness We have seen the inebriate trembling upon the verge of a drunkard's hell, taken from his perilous condition, his feet planted upon the Rock of Ages and a new song put into his mouth; even praises to his God. This is an evident fact that God is our author and friend. Nothing but that Spirit that called Lazarus from the tomb, could reanimate the whisky-rotted carcass of an outcast drunkard.

We may put our energies together and roll away the stone, but divine energy must call the dead to life. So we should not content ourselves by appealing to the intemperate man alone, but we should rely on the higher principles of religion, and call to our aid the religious community to help us raise the fallen and drive intemperance from our communities.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. L. Dennis, Ch'n.

REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

Your committee beg leave to report as follows:

Only five churches of this Association have contributed to this work; many more should do so, as the work of this Board is truly missionary, and that of the highest and most important character There is need of greater zeal on the part of all the churches of the Aesociation, as this is foundation work, distributing Bibles, religious books and literature, and thereby building up our people in doctrine and strengthening them in their principles. We earnestly ask that there be more contributions for this work; and as a help, that each Sunday-school order their literature through this board.

The denomination in Alabama is greatly helped in its work through the operations of this board. J. B. Collier is the Secretary, and Opelika the headquarters of the Bible and Colportage Board.

I. G. White, Chairman.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

What to read is a perplexing question with very many, as so many papers and magazines are published, many of them trashy, many misleading and some that are teaching false doctrines.

While this may be a question with very many, yet to us this need not be, as Baptists have the best literature in the world, papers and magazines that are striving for the faith delivered to the saints, contending for the ordinances of the New Testament, and are earnest in bringing Christian work and effort before their readers, thus striving to build up and advance the kingdom of Jesus.

The Alabama Baptist, for the Baptists of this Association, we would recommend first of all; while there may be better, yet this one is working for the prosperity of the Baptist cause in our own State, and we should heartily support it.

Then, if we can afford others, there are many from which to choose, which any pastor who is informed, can tell of to his people.

Ford's Repository is recommended as a monthly magazine. It is devoted to Baptist doctrine and history.

The Convention series of Sunday-school literature has taken a place in the front rank of such publications and is heartily commended to all our Sunday-schools.

The American Baptist Publication Society publishes books, tracts, pamphlets, Sunday-school helps and papers that can be recommended to any one deserving denominational literature.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Ruddick, Chairman.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

Brother Andrews is dead! No more shall we hear that well known voice, nor see his genial smile, nor feel the inspiration of his presence and appeals at our Associational gatherings. That bosom which glowed with love for a Saviour's cause, and warm heart which pulsated in sympathy for the widow and orphan, lies now cold and unresponsive in the grave Like a sheaf of grain fully ripened, he has been garnered in the skies.

Far beyond the allotted span of life, the God whom he so faithfully served permitted his servant to live, as a beacon light to illumine the pathway of his people, and exemplify the truth of those beautiful lines of the sacred poet:

"E'en down to old age my people shall prove,
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love."

We may pharaphrase the language of Paul and say of him, "He has fought a good fight; he has finished his course; he has kept the faith, and henceforth there is laid up for him a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous Judge will give him at that day." He has entered the realm of that city "which hath foundations," concerning whose glories it hath been said, "Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man to conceive the glories that God hath in reservation for those that love him."

Brother Andrews was one of the founders of the Unity Association, and his heart remained faithful to her interests as long as it beat with the pulses of life; for many years he was Moderator of the body, and guided its affairs with wisdom and discretion. As a contributor in a generous degree of his means to the cause of Christ, he was known far and wide, and with a bounty that knew no stint he gave cheerfully and with a glad heart to every good object inviting his benefactions As an example of Christian liberality his conduct is worthy of all emulation.

It is to be regretted that the data are not at hand to give a more circumstantial account of the life of this good man. We doubt not he has entered upon that "inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away," and of whom it has been declared, "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away." Respectfully submitted

H. W. Caffey, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE UNITY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

K. Wells, Treasurer,

In account with Unity Baptist Association:

Dr.

To amount of cash from Finance Committee..... ....$184 71

Cr.

By clerk for Minutes	$ 56 75	
By K Wells.....	6 00—	62 75
Balance on hand for Missions.....		$121 96

Respectfully submitted,

K. Wells, Treasurer.

FINANCE REPORT.

Your committee report the following cash:

State Missions.....	$36 56	
Foreign Missions.....	21 83	
Home Missions.....	20 55	
Ministerial Education.....	37 60	
Minutes and Associational purposes.....	56 75	
Collected for State Missions.....	6 42	
Pura Cova.....	5 00—	$184 71

Vouchers as follows:

State Missions	153 16	
Foreign Missions	120 63	
Home Missions	70 77	
Ministerial Education	96 37	
Bible and Colportage	13 02	
Indigent Ministers	3 52	
Judson Institute	48 55	
Howard College	175 00	
Centennial Fund	46 75	
Church Building not at home	13 25—	741 02
Total		$925 73

REPORT ON LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

Your committee submit the following report:

We find that only 29 churches have been represented out of the 34. Eleven prayer-meetings and seventeen Sabbath schools, with an average attendance of five hundred and thirty-six officers and pupils are reported.

We recommend that each church organize a Mission Society and that each church send up the number of officers and pupils in its school, as it is impossible for the committe to render a correct report without such aid.

We also recommend that a committee of four be appointed by the Moderator of the association to abridge our form of associational letter; that said committee have the form of letter printed and put in the hands of the Clerk in due time for distribution.

Evergreen and Fellowship ask for the next session of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Dunaway Ch'n.

AMEMDMENT.

That the Association meet in its next session with Evergreen Church.

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

We, your committee on apportioning the amount asked for by the State Mission Board, recommend that the churches be asked to contribute the following amounts for missions:

Shady Grove	$15 00	Bethesda	$ 12 00
Bethel	4 00	Autaugaville	2 00
Harmony	8 00	Big Springs	15 00
Evergreen	12 00	Bozeman	100 00
Liberty	5 00	Shiloh	15 00
Bethsalem	3 00	Verbena	100 00
Friendship	5 00	Chestnut Creek	15 00
New Prospect	5 00	Providence	20 00
Corinth	5 00	Mt. Zion	10 00
Cane Creek	5 00	Mulberry	20 00
Clanton	20 00	Randolph	10 00
Pilgrim's Rest	5 00	Mt. Carmel	10 00
Valley Creek	10 00	Fellowship	20 00
Ebenezer	40 00	Sardis	5 00
Chestnut Hill	5 00	Salem	5 00
Pleasant Grove	5 00	Alpine	5 00
Plantersville	15 00	Maple Spring	5 00
Total			$536 00

Respectfully submitted,

K. Wells, Ch'n,

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

We submit the following concerning district meetings:

First District—With Bethesda church on Friday before the fifth Sunday in October, 1892.

Second District—With Shiloh church, on Friday before the fifth Sunday in January, 1893.

Third District—With Salem church, on Friday before the fifth Sunday in April, 1893

Fourth District—With Valley Creek church, on Friday before the fifth Sunday in July, 1893.

Pastor and deacons of these churches to arrange programmes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. McCord, Chairman.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

Your committee beg leave to report as worthy of assistance Bro. A. G. Patrick and sister Longcier.

Respectfully submitted.

A. L. Haralson, Chairman.

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BORN

IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, GA., AUGUST 25TH, 1806;

ORDAINED TO THE GOSPEL MINISTRY IN 1848;

DIED AT

SELMA, ALA., JANUARY 12TH, 1892.

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"Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF UNITY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—1892.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Bible and Colportage.	Ministerial Education.	Howard College.	Judson Institute.	Centennial Fund.	Church Building (not at home.)	Indigent Ministers.	Minutes and Associational Purposes.	Pura Cova.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, Etc.	Value of Church Property
Alpine	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 2 00	$	$ 2 00	$ 27 00	$	$ 300 00
*Antaugaville																800 00
Bethel	1 20	66	82	32							2 50		5 50	38 00		200 00
Bethesda	5 00	3 00	4 90		5 00						3 00		22 90			500 00
Bethsalem											1 50		1 50			300 00
Big Spring	3 61	2 00	3 00								3 00		11 61			800 00
Bozeman	38 29	27 40	39 38	1 62	31 47						2 00		140 16	300 00		400 00
Cane Creek											2 00		2 00			
Chestnut Creek	2 90	25			5 00						2 00		10 15			500 00
Claxton	4 00	2 25			2 50						1 50		10 25	175 00		500 00
Corinth	5 28										1 25		6 53			400 00
Ebenezer	10 00	10 00	11 66	10 00	20 00	40 00		35 02			2 00		136 68	250 00	36 76	1300 00
Evergreen	5 00	5 00	2 06								3 00		15 06			500 00
Fellowship	8 00	8 00	7 00		5 00						3 60		31 00	150 00	20? 00	700 00
Friendship	12 35	1-00			2 00						1 00		16 35			250 00
Harmony	3 00	3 00	2 32								2 00		10 32			500 00
*Liberty																
Mt. Carmel	2 55		1 00								2 50		6 05	100 00		500 00
Mt. Zion					5 00								5 00			
Mulberry	6 00	6 00	7 05								2 00		21 05			1000 00
*New Prospect																
Plantersville	4 05	3 93	2 38	1 08	5 00						2 00		18 44			300 00
Pleasant Grove											1 50		1 50			300 00
Pilgrim's Rest					2 50						1 00		3 50			100 00
Providence	8 70										2 50		11 20			500 00
Randolph	1 50	1 50	1 00					11 73			1 00		16 73	75 00	20 00	800 00
Salem					5 00						1 00		6 60	21 15		
Sardis	1 25	50									1 50		3 25			300 00
Shady Grove	10 00	6 00			4 00		20 00				3 00		43 00	100 00		1000 00
Shiloh	3 00				5 00						2 00		10 00			300 00
Valley Creek	5 00	2 50	2 50		5 00						1 50		16 50	50 00		450 00
Verbena	47 79	8 58	55 89		25 40	135 00	28 55		13 25	3 52	2 50	5 00	325 48	300 00	58 14	2500 00
Maple Spring	1 25	1 25									1 00		3 50		200 00	300 00
*Chestnut Hill																150 00
Collected at Association	6 42				6 10								12 52			
Total	$ 196 14	$91 32	$ 142 46	$13 02	$ 133 97	$ 175 00	$48 55	$46 75	$13 25	$ 3 52	$56 75	$ 5 00	$ 925 73	$1586 15	$ 514 90	$ 17 050

*Not represented.

STATISTICS OF UNITY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—1892.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	Ord Ministers.	Licentiates.	Membership Last Reported.	Inerse by Baptism.	Inerse by Letter.	Inerse by Restoration.	Derse by Letter.	Derse by Exclusion.	Derse by Death.	Present Membership.	Preaching Sabbaths.	Prayer Meeting.	Reports Revival	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	S. S. Pupils.
Alpine	Chilton	J. M. Selman	W. P. Wigginton	Dixie	1	..	57	1	2	1	1	...	1	59	2	..	1	..	....
Autaugaville	Autauga	.....	.....	.....	..	..	9	....	....	....	....	....	1	8	....	....	....	....	....
Bethel	Autauga	A. M. Perry	T. A. Weaver	Jone's Switch.	..	..	25	4	....	....	3	....	....	26	4	..	....	....	....
Bethesda	Autauga	J. M. Smoke	J. D. Adair	Independence.	..	..	07	7	7	....	1	....	....	80	4	..	1	6	40
Bethsalem	Chilton	.....	J. R. Vinson	Kincheon	..	..	44	....	3	....	2	....	....	45	1	..	....	....	....
Big Spring	Autauga	J. M. Selman	J. M Willis	Billingsley	..	..	91	7	....	....	1	..	1	96	1	..	1	5	41
Bozeman	Autauga	J. M. McCord	J. H. Marbury	Bozeman	..	..	85	4	8	..	7	2	..	88	2-4	1	....	7	80
Cane Creek	Chilton	J. E. Champion	A M. Roads	Clanton	..	..	48	12	7	....	4	....	....	63	1	..	1	....	....
Chestnut Creek	Chilton	Hardy Jones	J. W. G. Kicker	Coopers	..	..	93	4	1	..	6	1	2	89	1	..	....	....	.....
Chestnut Hill	Chilton	J. M. Selman	J. P. Hale	Dixie	..	..	53	....	....	....	....	....	....	53	....	....	....	....	....
Corinth	Chilton	J. T. Bone	W B. Jones	Verbena.	..	..	64	....	....	....	7	1	3	53	2	..	....	6	30
Ebenezer	Chilton	W. C. Cleveland	T. U. Crumpton	Maplesville	..	..	78	....	2	....	6	....	3	71	1-3	....	....	6	55
Evergreen	Autauga	J. M. Smoke	J. H. Apperson	Huckabee	1	1	89	....	....	....	2	....	....	87	3	1	....	7	....
Fellowship	Dallas	J. W. Dunaway	E. W. Bailey	Plantersville	..	..	155	12	5	3	2	1	3	169	1	..	1	6	56
Clanton	Chilton	W. J. Elliott	J. H Aldridge	Clanton	1	..	82	....	....	....	6	1	2	73	3	1	....	8	70
Friendship	Elmore	J. O. Siler	J. L. Long	Verbena	2	..	32	....	1	..	1	..	1	31	3	1	..	3	15
Harmony	Autauga	J. M. Smoke	J. W. Durdeu	Milton.	..	..	51	....	4	....	3	....	....	52	1	..	....	....	....
Liberty	Autauga	.....	.....	.....	..	..	29	....	....	....	....	....	....	29	....	....	....	....	....
Maple Spring	Chilton	Hardy Jones	P. R. Devaughn	Coopers.	..	..	16	....	1	....	....	....	....	17	3	....	....	....	....
Mt. Carmel	Chilton	W. J. Ruddick	N. L. Broadhead	Stanton	2	..	115	10	....	2	2	11	1	113	2-4	..	....	5	45
Mt. Zion	Chilton	.....	.....	.....	1	..	53	....	....	....	....	....	....	53	....	....	....	....	....
Mulberry	Chilton	W. J Ruddick	J. C. Veasy	Lily.	1	..	145	....	1	..	7	..	3	136	3	....	1	5	50
New Prospect	Chilton	.....	.....	.....	..	..	28	....	....	....	....	....	....	28	....	....	....	....	....
*Plantersville	Dallas	A. M. Perry	J. S. Jones	Dixie	..	..	40	2	2	....	2	....	....	42	1	..	1	....	....
Pleasant Grove	Chilton	I. L. Hicks	J. P. Merchant	Shultz	1	..	56	....	1	..	2	....	....	55	2	....	....	....	....
Pilgrim's Rest	Chilton	J. M. Selman	J. F. Anderson	Dixie	..	..	26	....	....	....	....	....	....	26	2	....	....	....	....
Providence	Chilton	W. I. Bone	Riley Roberson	Clanton	..	..	118	6	....	5	2	..	2	125	3	....	....	9	51
Randolph	Bibb	F. M. Woods	J. M Davis, Jr	Randolph	..	..	37	....	....	....	7	....	....	30	4	....	....	6	40
Salem	Chilton	W. A. Wood	L. L. Roberson	Verbena	..	..	34	2	1	....	1	....	....	36	1	....	....	....	.....
Sardis	Chilton	L B. Pounds	S. B. McCary	Ruddick	..	..	50	2	....	2	....	....	1	53	3	....	....	....	.....
Shady Grove	Dallas	E. B. Teague	C. A. Arnold	Selma	..	..	35	2	....	....	1	....	3	33	3	....	....	2	28
Shiloh	Chilton	A. C. Swindall	R W. Scott	Kincheon	..	..	107	2	2	2	7	6	....	100	3	..	....	....	....
Valley Creek	Chilton	I. L. Hicks	R. J. Mitchell	Plantersville	..	..	59	3	....	....	....	....	1	61	4	....	....	7	40
Verbena	Chilton	J. M. McCord	W. H. Strock	Verbena	2	....	106	....	2	..	15	2	..	91	1-3	..	..	9	52
Total					12	1	2177	80	50	15	98	25	28	2171	——	4	7	97	693

*Union Sunday-school.

S. S. Superintendents and their Postoffices—Bethesda church. J. S. Pool, Bethesda; Big Spring church, Joel Spigner, Billingsley; Bozeman church, Henry Evans, Bozeman; Corinth church, E. T Connell, Verbena; Ebenezer church, A A. Dyer, Stanton; Evergreen church. W. A. Overstreet, Huckabee; Fellowship church, J. E Terry, Morrowville; Clanton church, W. D. Sartor, Clanton; Friendship, J. D. Long, Verbena; Mt. Carmel, G. W. Patrick, Ruddick; Mulberry, J. S. Wright. Lily; Providence, Riley Roberson, Clanton; Randolph, J. M. Davis, Jr., Randolph; Shady Grove, R G. Underwood, Burnsville; Valley Creek, R J. Mitchell, Plantersville; Verbena, W. H. Strock, Verbena.

A. J. Brooks, Moderator, Verbena, Ala.; W. J. Ruddick, Clerk, Stanton, Ala.

The next session will meet with Evergreen church, Autauga county, Tuesday, Oct 3. 1893

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